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Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed December 2, 2003.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

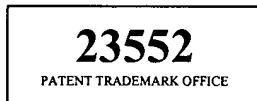
A partial translation is provided with the "Revised New Edition of Discharge Handbook" reference.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

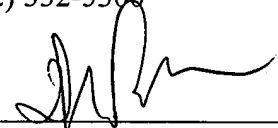
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	8-45538	02/1996	Japan			Abstract	
	2000-28690	01/2000	Japan			Abstract/ Partial	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		"Revised New Edition of Discharge Handbook", The Institute of Electrical Engineers of Japan (1974): 134

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